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From the Amsterdam Courant, dated June 30.

Basil, June 16.

THE day before the General Assembly of the Swiss Cantons broke up, the following Memorial was presented to them by the Marquess de Puisieux Ambassador of France. But they deferr'd taking it into their Consideration till their next Meeting, which is to be at Baden a Fortnight hence.

Magnificent Lords!

'I Cannot forbear telling you, That the more 'Affection and Esteem the King my Master expresses for the laudable Helvetick Body, to the end 'he might take off the Jealousie you seem to have 'of his Majesty's Designs, the more you endeavour 'to shew by your Conduct that you do not think 'your selves oblig'd to him for it.

'What Judgment are you willing I should make 'of your Management towards me? The same day 'you send me a Regulation, according to which you 'grant that the Equipages of our Officers should 'pass over your Territories; the same day, I say, 'you refuse Passage to 5 or 6 Servants of one of the 'principal Officers of the King's Army. I must tell 'you, it is necessary that we should deal sincerely 'with one another. I therefore repeat to you, That 'you cannot make a Doubt, it would have been very 'easie for the Marshal de Villars to have possess'd 'himself of most of the Towns in your Neighbourhood on the Lake of Constance; nor can you deny 'that it was solely out of regard to you that he did 'it not, and because you gave him to understand 'that you should be Uneasie at it. You are too Prudent, Magnificent Lords, not to acknowledge that 'it is absolutely necessary for that General to keep 'open a free Communication with France. He propos'd it to you on the easiest Terms you could desire, and the Expedient seem'd so agreeable to your 'Interests that you receiv'd it with Satisfaction.

'The King has newly given you so clear a Proof 'of the Trust he reposes in you, and of his Willingness to oblige you, that truly you ought to lay 'aside your Fears of being hem'd in, as is suggested, 'by his Troops. What could his Majesty do more 'for the Laudable Cantons, than to offer to put into 'their keeping the Conquests he should take occasion 'to make in the Country of Swabia on their Frontiers; and to maintain at his own Charge the Garrisons you should be oblig'd to put into them? 'Certainly, such a Procedure on the part of his 'Majesty, gives him abundant cause to hope, that 'you will make a just return by acting correspondently. But, Magnificent Lords, how great will be 'the Surprize of the King my Master, when, as his 'Minister with you, I shall be oblig'd to inform him, 'that at the same time his Majesty was shewing his 'singular Esteem for all the Laudable Cantons, some 'of them were sending their Troops to guard Places 'that are in the Hands of his Enemies? And that at 'the very time when his Majesty had reason to expect Acknowledgments from the Helvetick Body, 'new Difficulties were started about the Passage of 'the Equipages and Servants of his Officers.

'It is time, Magnificent Lords, to declare your 'Sentiments openly, that his Majesty may know 'what he has to trust to; and that according to 'your last Resolutions, he may take such Measures 'as he shall judge proper.

'You ought to grant him the Passage I have demanded of you, not only as being a Neutral State; 'but likewise because you are oblig'd to it in virtue 'of the perpetual Peace, and of the 14th Article of 'the Alliance, between you and his Majesty.

'Magnificent Lords, Do but reflect on the Consequences of your Refusal, in case at this juncture 'you should make a Difficulty to permit 60 Domesticks of the King's Officers to sojourn a while on 'your Territories. When at the same time you 'cannot be ignorant that a great number of Swiss 'Families are setled in France, and that in no other 'view than to make their Fortunes. Does not the 'King let them live there undisturb'd? Does he not 'extend his Goodness so far, as to allow them to 'make Profession of a Religion that he will not 'tolerate in his own Subjects?

'After so great regard as his Majesty has shewn 'for you, it would become you, Magnificent Lords, 'to act with more Frankness and Sincerity in the 'Affairs you transact with his Minister. I flatter my 'self, that your own Interest will not let you shew 'Partiality for any Potentate. And I hope you will 'not scruple to grant the Passage desir'd; nor refuse 'the other Request, that 60 Men may sojourn at 'Schaffhuysen or any other Place thereabouts, Safely 'and Quietly, till an opportunity may offer of sending a Convoy to fetch them off.

'On this Condition I am willing to write to the 'Marshal de Villars, to defer, till your next Session, 'the Execution of the Design he may have form'd 'to open a Communication with France; but if you 'do not give order for letting the Equipages above 'spoken of pass, I will not only forbear writing to 'him on that Subject, but will likewise suspend 'the Offers made you by the King and the Marshal 'de Villars, till I have further Order. It behoves 'you, Magnificent Lords, to deliberate maturely on 'an Affair of such Importance; I desire your speedy 'and positive Answer.

Baden, June 11. 1703. Sign'd, *Puisieux*.

Heilbron, June 23. The Persons who were carried Prisoners from Landau to Philipsburg, as being charg'd with a Design of betraying Landau to the French, are 'tis said found guiltless; and that the Arms seiz'd in one of their Houses, (which pass'd for a strong Evidence of their Guilt,) are most of them Old and Unserviceable, having been bought by them last Year of the French before they gave up that Place.

From the Leiden Gazette, dated June 28.

They write from Wesel of the 26th, That several Parties of the Independant Troop of Major Root, which is in the Service of the King of Prussia, had made

made an Incurſion into the Dutchy of Bouillon, the Territories of Sedan, Thionville, and Meſſain, to within 2 Leagues of Metz; they ſet ſeveral Villages on fire, and brought off a Dozen Magiſtrates as Hoſtages for Contributions: Which Priſoners were brought to Wezel on the 24th and put into the Caſtle.

Deale, June 23. Her Majeſty's Ships the Nightingal and Mairmaid, are both ſail'd to joyn Admiral Beaumont's Squadron on the Coaſt of Flanders.

London, June 24. To day Sir Gilbert Heathcot and Mr. Joſeph Wolf, were choſen Sheriffs of London and Middleſex for the Year enſuing.

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